AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

(Currently Amended) A urological resectoscope (1) comprising:
a main body (2),

a guide (4) of a slide carriage (6) being <u>permanently and directly</u> affixed to and proximally extending from said main body,

an inner shaft (15) for feeding fluid and an outer shaft (16) for removing fluid via the space between the inner and outer shafts, both shafts extending distally from the main body,

said outer shaft enclosing said inner shaft (15), and an optics traversing the main body (2) and the inner shaft (15), wherein the outer shaft (16) is directly connectable to the main body (2) by an externally actuated outer connector element (17).

- 2. (Previously Presented) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner shaft (15) is affixed to the main body (2).
- 3. (Previously Presented) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 2, wherein the inner shaft (15) is detachably affixed to the main body (2) by an inner

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connector element (20).

4. (Previously Presented) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 2, wherein the inner shaft (15) is affixed in a borehole (19) of the main body (2).

- 5. (Previously Presented) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner shaft (15) is affixed to a proximal terminal zone of the outer shaft (16).
- 6. (Previously Presented) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 5, wherein the inner shaft is detachably affixed by an inner connector element (20) to a proximal terminal zone of the outer shaft (16).
- 7. (Previously Presented) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner shaft (15) comprises a connector element (15") engaging the outer connector element (17) between the outer shaft (16, 17) and the main body (2).
 - 8. (New) A urological resectoscope (1) comprising: a main body (2),

a guide (4) of a slide carriage (6) being permanently and directly affixed to and proximally extending from said main body,

finger grips directly affixed to and extending from said main body,

an inner shaft (15) for feeding fluid and an outer shaft (16) for removing fluid via the space between the inner and outer shafts, both shafts extending distally from

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the main body,

said outer shaft enclosing said inner shaft (15), and

an optics traversing the main body (2) and the inner shaft (15),

wherein the outer shaft (16) is directly connectable to the main body (2) by an externally actuated outer connector element (17).

- 9. (New) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 8, wherein the inner shaft (15) is affixed to the main body (2).
- 10. (New) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 9, wherein the inner shaft(15) is detachably affixed to the main body (2) by an inner connector element (20).
- 11. (New) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 9, wherein the inner shaft(15) is affixed in a borehole (19) of the main body (2).
- 12. (New) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 8, wherein the inner shaft(15) is affixed to a proximal terminal zone of the outer shaft (16).
- 13. (New) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 12, wherein the inner shaft is detachably affixed by an inner connector element (20) to a proximal terminal zone of the outer shaft (16).
- 14. (New) The resectoscope as claimed in claim 8, wherein the inner shaft(15) comprises a connector element (15") engaging the outer connector element (17)

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between the outer shaft (16, 17) and the main body (2).